

"Express Mail" mailing label number EL 920 880 665 US

Date of Deposit 6/14/01

Our File No. 9281-4121
Client Reference No. M US00033



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Tomoya Kamata)
Serial No. To Be Assigned)
Filing Date: Herewith)
For: Method for Driving Paper-Feeding)
Stepping Motor in Thermal Printer)

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits reference A1 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. A copy of the reference is enclosed herewith.

Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication No. 11-320941 discloses a motor driving method in which smooth driving can be preformed without decreasing the printing speed and causing step out even when the number of divisions for energization of a thermal line head is rapidly changed from a large number to a small number.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest this reference as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of this reference, even if finally determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that this reference makes Applicant's invention obvious.

No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to this material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of this document and make it of record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gustavo Siller, Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

Gustavo Siller, Jr.
Registration No. 32,305
Attorney for Applicant

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
P.O. BOX 10395
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60610
(312) 321-4200

